

**REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action dated June 9, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration based on the above claim amendments and the following remarks. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 5,657,390 issued to Elgamal et al. ("Elgamal") in view of an online description of Stunnel by Trojnara et al. ("Stunnel"). Claims 7, 8, and 10-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 6,772,333 B1 issued to Brendel et al. ("Brendel") in view of Stunnel. Claims 2-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Elgamal in view of Stunnel and further in view of Brendel. Claim 9 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

The features of claim 9 have been placed in independent claims 1 and 7. Thus, claims 1-8 are considered allowable. Claim 10 has been amended to recite the use of application programming interface (API) calls between processes. This feature is not taught by either Brendel or Stunnel. Thus, claim 10 is considered allowable, along with claims 11-15.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicant submits that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification to this effect is respectfully requested.

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